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Information on Child Care

Child Care Management Services (CCMS) Contractors

Texans who have a low-income level, and need child care in order to maintain employment can access the federally funded childcare program through local Child Care Management Services (CCMS) contractors. The 27 CCMS contractors, funded through the Texas Workforce Commission, are listed on the attached page.

The Child Care Management Services (CCMS) contractors determine eligibility for childcare services and enroll children at a childcare facility of the parent's choice. Most parents are required to pay a reduced fee, based on the parent's income. If funds are not available, a waiting list is maintained and clients are enrolled from the waiting list as funds become available. In some areas of the state, the waiting list is longer than in other areas, but the list is maintained on a first- come first-serve basis. The CCMS enrolled childcare facilities are required to follow all federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. They are also subject to state licensing regulations.

The State is divided into 27 service delivery areas, each with a designated CCMS. The parent needing childcare services should dial the 1-800 number of the Child Care Management Services contractor in his or her local area. Many times the eligibility determination process can be handled over the telephone, and information that must be verified can be submitted through the mail. The parent will be given some options of facilities to look at prior to selecting the facility of choice. Once the parent has decided on a facility, the CCMS can authorize the child to begin attending there. The CCMS can provide parents with any additional information they need.

Child Care Training (CCT) Contractors

The Child Care Training contractors are also included on the attached list. These contractors provide training to childcare staff on a number of topics with the goal of improving childcare services. They ensure that training is provided to help caregivers develop the most inclusive environment for children with disabilities and learn how to be supportive to the families.